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### List 1 -- The General Qualities of the Person to Be Defined

#### A good teacher

- Fair -- as my boss says, "Don't treat everyone the same; just treat everyone fairly."
- Professional -- on time to class, gets graded papers back quickly, keeps office hours/appointments with students, willing to meet students, willing to try new things if the original plan doesn't work
- Fun -- tries to make class interesting, does care if students are falling asleep, has a sense of humor
- Disciplined -- keeps order, sticks to policies, doesn't let students walk all over her, a slave driver to an extent
- Compassionate/Understanding -- takes *reasonable* student excuses, willing to help students who fall behind, doesn't belittle students as a power trip
- Treats students as people -- knows names, has a genuine interest in students, doesn't pride herself on the number of students that she's withdrawn

### List 2 -- The Single Most Important Quality from the General Qualities

Being a slave driver -- that means getting the students to learn the material even if the students don't want to learn it

### List 3 -- The People Who Demonstrate the Most Important Quality

#### Slave drivers

- Mr. Miyagi from *Karate Kid*
- Professor Kingsfield from *Paper Chase*
- Dr. Clark from *Lean on Me*
- Dr. Gregory (my A&P instructor)
- Coach Hayden (high school algebra)
- Señora Keyes (Spanish teacher)

### List 4 -- The People Who Will Go in the Essay

#### Dr. Gregory

Strikes terror in the hearts of all who sat in her class

Wanted strict discipline from us concerning all course material

-- memorization of systems and parts

-- identification of parts

-- perfect recitation at lab practicals

-- perfect pronunciation of weird Latin names

-- always have homework done neatly, on time, formatted per her very specific instructions

We all thought she was hell spawn.

Yelled at us if we came to class in bathing suits, no shoes, brought food, didn't sit up straight--she claimed that she was worried about our health (skin cancer, cut feet, choking, posture in old age)

Stomping her feet

Barking orders  
Like a drill sergeant

Hitler in a skirt

Learned a lot, though--courage as well as appreciation for human body

### Mr. Miyagi

Mysterious about what he's teaching, although every "chore" is really a karate defense technique  
-- wax on/wax off  
-- sand the floor  
-- paint the fence  
-- paint the house  
-- breathe in/breathe out

Daniel has a more romantic notion about what karate training is, so he gets upset because he doesn't want to do the things Mr. Miyagi makes him do.

Mr. Miyagi starts throwing karate punches; Daniel can block them all. Daniel learns that he's really learned. If Mr. Miyagi hadn't been a slave driver, Daniel would never have learned defense.

Cares for Daniel in mother's (father's) place--gets Daniel to do what's right, **usually** without having to yell

Daniel learns that not all things are as they seem.

### Señora Keyes

Quiet, personable, we all loved her--but we didn't like (at least *I* didn't) having to speak

Ears always caught (too late) all those mistakes that escaped from my mouth

La señora made us speak **constantly**, whether we wanted to or not  
-- daily questioning  
-- accosting us in hallways  
-- creaciones (blech!)  
-- singing  
-- going over exercises/practice dialogues

I wanted just to **sit** there, but she forced me to participate

Tongue didn't want to move

Always felt embarrassed, even though Mrs. Keyes didn't seem to care if we made mistakes

The worse the student was, the more Mrs. Keyes called on him.

Everybody got better, as the last creación proved.

We all had a feeling of accomplishment at the end of the semester and thankfulness that we had been pressed so hard.